

from the office of the holy ministry. Upon which Mr. M. protested, and appealed to the Synod. At this stage it was made very evident that the sympathies of the people were with the accused, and had it not been that Mr. M. stated that he would not consider any one his friend who sought to create any disturbance, the result might not have been in favour of the Presbytery; and one of the elders of the church very pointedly intimated to the judges that they might go now, and that it was the last time they should be there.

The case was brought up at next meeting of Synod. In the interval, Mr. M. had given to the world a small work on the nature of the atonement, and another on its extent. The latter was in the hand of almost every member of Synod on the day of the trial; and eternity alone will discover the amount of benefit resulting from that masterly production. The Synod confirmed the deed of the Presbytery, and suspended the young minister from the office of the holy ministry. The Synod appointed one of their number to preach Clerk's Lane Church, vacant; but the church met, and appointed two of their number to take their stand in front of the chapel, and intimate to the reverend gentleman that he was not needed within. Mr. M. was now free, and a devoted people rallied around him. He had been delivered over to Satan by a misguided ecclesiastical body; but no one since the days of Martin Luther had so successfully shaken the throne and cramped the influence of the wicked one; and the power of the gospel was now made more manifest. Mr. M. now set himself to establish his various positions, and to make the way of safety more plain and palpable to the minds of his hearers. People came in crowds from all parts of the country to hear the young heretic; and sometimes the neighbouring clergymen unwittingly helped forward the good work, by warning their hearers not to go near the heresy. But so obdurate were the people, that they would throw themselves into the jaws of the enemy; so that in this and various other ways did the truth make progress, and out of an apparent evil did the great Worker bring unspeakable good.

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